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2000-2001 SRC Selected!

By Derek Turner

After over a month of campaigning, voting, and lots of posters, the Student Representative Council for the 2000-2001 school year has finally been chosen.

On Colour Day, Trevor Dawe and Tess Ingalls officially transferred their duties to next year's senior leaders. **Nathan Morris** will be Senior Watch, and **Shyla Genoway** will be Senior Pin. Helping them out are the directors who were selected by the SRC advisors.

Back Row: Forbes, Born, M. Taylor, Jeffrey, Anton, Paulsen, Morris, Meier, Cenaiko, Genoway. Front Row: Looysen, Wright, Gallant, Postnikoff, C. Taylor, Wyatt, Simpson, Thiessen, Webb. Missing: Lee, Sawchuk.

Darla Wyatt is President, **Cara Taylor** is Secretary, **Carla Sawchuk** is Events Director, **Mark Taylor** is Spirit Director, **Preston Lee** is Public Relations Director, **Shannon Jeffrey** is Technical Director, and **Riley Gallant** is Charities Director.

The grade representatives are chosen by the students in each grade. There are four representatives for each grade, with the Grade 9 representatives elected in the fall. The Grade 10 representatives are **Adam Cenaiko, Reilly Forbes, Tamara Looysen, and Graeme Webb**. The Grade 11 representatives are **Diana Anton, Matt Born, Cheryl Postnikoff, and Jill Wright.** The Grade 12 representatives are **Stu Meier, Kyle Paulsen, Carrie Simpson, and Nicole Theissen.** Congratulations to every student who applied for the SRC. Bedford students will surely continue to demonstrate tradition, commitment, and excellence in 2000-2001.

A Final Message From The Editor

By Derek Turner

Well, here it is, the last issue of Spark of the year. But this issue also means something more to me, because it is the final issue of Spark with which I will be involved. For the past four years, I have worked with the Spark, the last three as editor. Over those years, the newspaper has had highs and lows, but it has always had the privilege of being a voice for the students and a part of Bedford culture. Many interesting events have occurred over the past few years, and I was lucky enough to be there and be able to write about them. Among my favourites are City and Provincial Football Championships in 1998; the library roof collapsing in March 1997; the Christmas skits, especially the SRC skit in 1999; the double overtime boys' basketball game at Aden Bowman in 2000; the Redmen name and logo debate; the school's 75th anniversary; and four years of BRIT. Your list will be different from mine, of course, but there will be one similarity: you will look back on your high school years as some of the best of your life. And why not? High school gives you so many opportunities, and besides, Bedford Road is the best high school in the city! I'm very glad to have been able to be involved in the school as much as I have been over the last four years, and like most of the graduating class, I am going to miss these hallways. It makes me proud to know that I went to Bedford Road, and that I was a part of the school's rich and long history. And there is one thing that I know for sure - as long as the staff is great, the students are enthusiastic and dedicated, and this building stands, three words will continue to describe Bedford Road in the annals of history. **Tradition. Commitment. Excellence.**

Spark To Expand and Improve in 2000-2001!

There will be some changes next year for the Spark, your school newspaper. First of all, Sarah Scharf will be the editor. The Spark headquarters will be relocating. Rather than Room 205, the new Spark HQ will be Room 108.3.1, the A/V storage room in the back of the library. There will be a Spark mailbox set up to receive your letters, comments, and submissions. Also coming with the new location will be the new equipment. The Spark will have a more up-to-date computer system, including a scanner and 21-inch monitor. Plus, a digital camera will enable the staff to put more graphics and pictures in each issue.

Not only that, but the Spark is on the internet! Our address is **http://brcispark.homestead.com .** You can check out past issues, sign the guest book, enter your vote in our poll, and e-mail your comments to us! Speaking of which, the Spark e-mail address is still **brcispark@hotmail.com .** The Spark would like to thank all Bedford students for their support this year, and hope that you would continue to support the Spark next year!

The Senior Bowl Experience

By Kurt Fletcher

Dustin Maffin and I shook Mr. Bowers' hand as he congratulated us on making the 2000 Senior Bowl team. For those of you who don't know, the Senior Bowl is an all-star game which takes the best Grade 12 high school football players in Saskatchewan, and divides them into two teams: North (Saskatoon and area), and South (Regina and area). The teams play the game during the May long weekend.

The weekend consisted of six practices and then the final game on Victoria Day. The coaches evaluated all of the players in drills, fourth quarters, and scrimmages. Dustin was told he would be the punter and would be taking some reps as wide receiver, while I played my high school position, defensive halfback.

With all the practices done and all plays decided, we dressed for the big game. I personally was excited to play well for my coaches and teammates who were there at the game. I was also looking forward to seeing my sister, Erin, in the crowd.

As the game began, the wind picked up. The wind helped our defense hold the South in the first half, while our offense picked up two quick touchdowns. Dustin helped our team in field position by punting the ball like an "All-star", to quote the head coach.

With the second half came a replay of the first. The defense held the South, while our offense scored a couple of touchdowns and a field goal. It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the South actually scored a touchdown. The final whistle blew and the score was 23-9 for the North.

That weekend, Dustin and I came back with new friendships and new memories. But one thing I remember the most out of the whole weekend was looking around the locker room and realizing that each one of these guys was a football player with an enormous amount of dedication and love for the game. But while realizing that all of these guys are football players, I realized something else: Dustin and I are football players too, and we played on a great football team that weekend.

MMMCrap

By Elicia Gordon

In recent articles I've written about pop superstars and co-ed singing groups, but I've yet to diss a guy or guy group, so here goes my choice for the World's Worst All-Male Group. And the award goes to.... Hanson! Now I admit when when MMMBop - the teenybopper anthem world wide - came out, it was catchy. But after its round the clock air play, the song, and group Hanson, became more annoying than S Club 7. First of all, when Hanson debuted they were on every talk show on television. You couldn't go one week without hearing their names. And when I did break down and watch one of the many interviews, it was so... boring. Not to mention the youngest one, Zach, was unbeleivably annoying. Plus, there's a new boy band popping up every day, most of whom are a lot better than Hanson. When the constant interviews stopped, and there faces were off the cover of every magazine, I felt a sense of relief. Why do I mention them? Because Hanson has recently made a new album. Yes , Hanson has a different sound, but they're still the the three annoying brothers I've come come to dislike. Now I apologize to all you teeny bopping, Hanson fans. But I am more than tired of the shaggy-haired, insanely annoying brothers from Tulsa, and I don't need another MMMbop plugging up airways.

Ask Phire

Dear Phire,

I went to the mall a week ago and tried on some of the new bright, summer clothes and thought it looked great. Then one of my other friends who was with us walked over and said: "Are you seriously going to wear that outside?" I felt really bad, because I thought it looked great and I've always had a problem with my appearance. I have a bit of a weight problem, but I was dressed nicely. I don't see what her problem was. Do you think I should ask her about it?

-Hurt

Dear Hurt,

By the sound of it, she was being very judgemental, and possibly wasn't thinking before she opened her mouth. Sometimes, when people say whatever they want without understanding the way it could make others feel, it shows a problem with their self-esteem. If it's bothering you, or if she seems to say things like that a lot, I would ask her about it. If she continues to be that way, then she isn't caring about your feelings and doesn't deserve to be your friend.

Dear Phire,

Finals are coming so soon and I'm already overloaded with work. Most of my teachers have been giving a lot of new work and big projects, and I don't know if I can handle it all. Any suggestions on what I could do to take this extra stress away?

-Stressed Out

Dear Stressed Out,

I know everything seems so rushed at the end of the year. Give your self some alone time, so your brain can recharge. Getting behind can also boggle one's mind, and soon you start getting very stressed out. Like I said, the best thing you can do is just do what you need to do, but make sure you have some time alone and relax. Take it easy.

Dear Phire,

Since summer is popping up very fast, I was thinking about making some extra cash. I've looked all over for jobs, but people seem to not like younger workers. What kind of places would you recommend trying out?

-Job Seeker

Dear Job Seeker,

There should be many more places opening up for students by the end of June. Your best bet would be trying smaller businesses or various chains like McDonalds or Wal-Mart. Drop off a few resumes and see if you get some calls. Also, clothing stores in malls tend to hire around this time of year. Just keep trying!

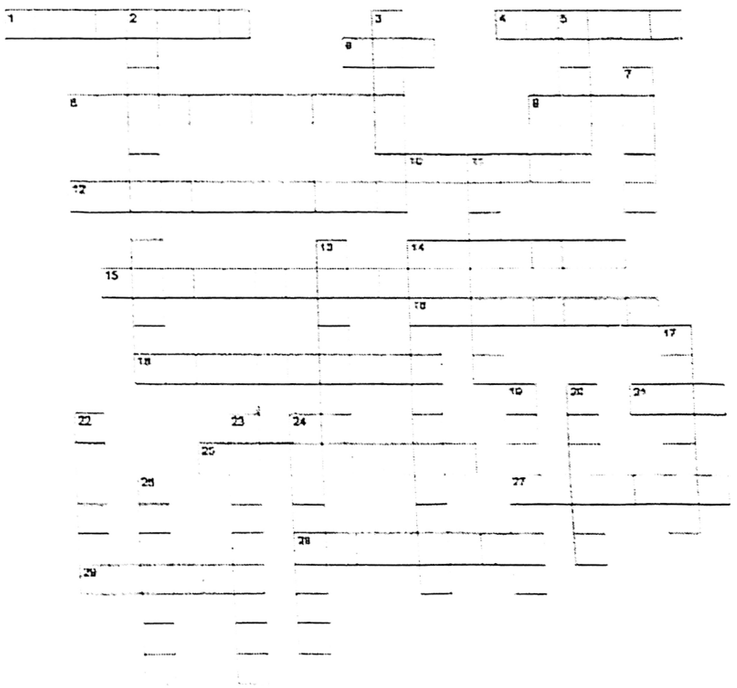
You can e- mail your questions to Phire at: Phire_1@hotmail.com

Summer Crossword

By Kate Bens

Across

1. Trip
4. Where veggies grow
6. Temperature is usually ___
8. The car of choice
9. Last month of school
10. White in the sky
12. A way to get some money by selling all your old junk
14. You'll need a tent for this
15. Haul out the bug spray for these
16. A wet way to spend hot days
18. Instead of getting up at seven, all teens are _____
21. Get a summer ___ for money
25. July 1
27. Prevent this with sunscreen
28. Propane-powered grill
29. May until September



Down

2. Crackling & booming, these add excitement
3. At the end of summer, you get _____
5. What's on the tube
7. Like Cranberry Flats
11. These happen every four summers
13. Weekly lawn care
16. These protect your eyes and look cool
17. These are blooming everywhere
19. No more of these until the first day of school
20. Lunch in a basket
22. Clothing of choice
23. Sept. long weekend
24. Game of choice
26. Sway in this as you nap

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By Joelene Leader

www.bygpub.com/books/tg2rw/summer-jobs.htm - Looking for a summer job? Inspiring and interesting information.

www.camppage.com - Look for summer camps online. Great list of Canadian camps that are out there.

http://www.accessarizona.com/partners/kedj/edgefest.html - For all you sun-soaking band lovers, check this site out. Information on Edgefest 2000. If you wanna know about this year's Edgefest and check out some bands, this site is great.

http://duke.usask.ca/~burgess/matt/mason.html - A page dedicated to the band Wide Mouth Mason. Get info of lyrics and tour dates!

Winter Sport Review

Bedford is well known for its athletic program, competing with talent, commitment, and sportsmanship in each sport offered in the city. Here are the summaries of each sport in which BRCI participated in the winter and spring. For the fall sports review, see the December Spark.

Junior Badminton Coach: Mr. Dzus

The junior badminton team consisted of 29 players, 16 boys and 13 girls. After the exhibition season against six other high schools, the team had a very good record: 41-33 in boys' singles; 33-25 in girls' singles; 30-38 in boys' doubles; 33-17 in girls' singles; and 42-24 in mixed doubles. A team of 16 players competed at the City Championships on April 4 at Walter Murray. Their overall record was 25 wins and 15 losses. Congratulations to Cheri Galatiuk and Jesse Gaudet - silver, mixed doubles; Adrienne Stinson and Preston Lee - bronze, mixed doubles; and Erin Fletcher - 4th, girls' singles.

Senior Badminton Coach: Mr. Harrison

The BRCI senior badminton team experienced a very rewarding and successful season. The team finished the league round-robin with a 4-5 record. BRCI qualified in 4 out of 5 categories for the city championships, held at Riverside Club in Saskatoon. Raul Orellana won gold in boys' singles; Marlis Foth and Sean Macdonald captured silver in mixed doubles; and the tandem of Trina Janzen and Becky Baker placed a very respectable third in girls' doubles. As a result of the team's combined points, Bedford brought home the CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY!! The aforementioned players went on to represent the Saskatoon division at the regional playdowns, also held at Riverside Club. Raul Orellana placed third in singles. Congratulations to all who participated. The team is losing many players to graduation, and so will be looking to the younger players to carry on the Bedford Road tradition of commitment and excellence for the 2000-2001 badminton season. Watch out for next year's stars!

Frosh Girls' Basketball Coach: Mr. Pankratz

This year's team came into the year with a little more experience than last year's team, but it still took some time to learn to play together as a team. The team finished with a 6-9 record, defeating Marion Graham, St. Joseph's, and Mount Royal along the way. Highlights of the year included keeping it close against a strong Aden Bowman team for most of the first half in a game in the year end tournament, and playing Evan Hardy even for most of the last game of the season. The girls are sure to improve next year, and good luck in Juniors!

Junior Girls' Basketball Coach: Miss Finell

This talented, enthusiastic, and hardworking group of girls have continuously improved throughout their frosh and junior years, and will surely continue to do so. Throughout the season, this highly self-motivated group came to every practice, ready to learn and to improve their skills. As a result, they were very competitive and successful in their games. They competed in three tournaments: Evan Hardy Jr. Girls', Delisle, and the Mount Royal year-end tournament. In the Delisle tournament, they had an opportunity to play against some rural senior girls' teams. Their

tmost exciting game was an overtime victory against Rosetown. In the year-end/playoff tournament, the girls defeated Mount Royal, and then went on to experience their most satisfying victory. They defeated Bishop James Mahoney, to whom they had lost three close games during the season. With their work ethic and dedication, this will be an exciting group to watch over the next few years as they move into senior basketball.

Senior Girls' Basketball Coaches: Mrs. Hanson, Shannon Parker

This year's Redmen girls' team consisted of seven grade twelves and four grade elevens. The team place seventh in the city, their best record in five years, and had excellent showings at several tournaments. The highlight was participating in the first-ever BRIT girls' game, defeating Winnipeg in front of the home crowd. Everyone had a great season and would like to thank our coaches for their leadership and dedication. Congratulations to graduating players Trina Janzen, Brandi Tracksell, Marlis Foth, Leanne Schinkel, Angie Shauf, Morgan Lucky, and Jodi Adams. Good luck next year to Becky Baker, Angie Cullingworth, Chit Phothimath, and Roberta Panchuk, the juniors returning to the team. Thank you to all the players for their hard work and success.

Frosh Boys' Basketball Coaches: Mr. Bowers, Rob Cross

The frosh boys' basketball team struggled through a tough season. However, the team worked hard and improved greatly during the season. Winning only one game in a very tough league this year, the boys still showed enough hustle and drive that they played their best games at the end of the year in the city tournament. Nathan Risling, Wayne Eng, Carter Munday, and Matt de Bakker were some of the key players this year. Many of the players will be great juniors next year.

Junior Boys' Basketball Coach: Mr. Moore

The junior boys' basketball team had an extremely fun and successful season this year. The team, consisting of Ariston Sirota, Steven Vitkauskas, Jon Oster, Daniel Albright, Dave Novakowski, Jeff Thomson, Jason Revitt, Matt Born, Andrew Herron, Mitchell Kornelson, Craig Clement, and Mark Taylor, worked very hard during the regular season before losing a nail-biter to St. Joe's in the quarter-final. The hard work and dedication shown by the players this year will surely pay off for next year's senior team. Great season, guys!

Senior Boys' Basketball Coach: Mr. Dawe

The senior boys' basketball team enjoyed its best finish over the past three years with a record of 23-10. The team had a lot of success in tournament play, including gold medals at the Sask Valley Shoot-Out and the St. Mary Invitational. The team won bronze at the Mount Royal Classic, and showed well at BRIT 2000. Despite a sixth place finish after league play, the Redmen roared into the quarterfinals and decisively defeated perennial powerhouse Evan Hardy for the third time this season. The Redmen were headed for the semi-finals versus Aden Bowman, where the winner would have a berth in the city and provincial championships. It would be a night to remember for b'ball fans as the ABCI gym was jam-packed. The Bedford fans were incredible. The two teams battled into a second overtime, as neither team could pull

ahead. An exciting but contraversial finish shocked Bedford players and fans, and the end result was 75-74 for Aden Bowman. Overall, it was an excellent season that marked Bedford as one of the top teams in the province. Grade twelves Cory Mitchell, Trevor Dawe, Raul Orellana, Chris Wintersgill, Moses Bernard, and Kurt Fletcher will be missed next season. Their experience and leadership was a big part of the team's success. Congratulations on a great season!

Junior Cheerleading Coach: Becky May

The Bedford Road junior cheerleaders consisted of 15 talented young girls. They worked very hard this year and learned a difficult routine in a very short period of time. They complained very little and were always ready to try something new. When they fell, they got right back up and tried again. The girls participated in the BRIT cheerleading competition and the Huskie Open. They didn't place, but they put on an excellent show. The coaches are very proud of them for all of the work they have done this year. A special congratulations to Tami Haaland, who won the junior cheerleading award.

Senior Cheerleading Coaches: Michelle Leduc, Lorynne Shelley

The senior cheerleaders had an unbelievable season! Starting in mid-November, we practiced twice a week and worked very hard to improve our cheers and stunts. This enabled us to present a polished, powerful performance at BRIT (the first competition of our season) and it paid off when we won gold! Besides BRIT, we headed off to the J. Percy Page competition in Edmonton in February, where we brought home silver, and to Regina in L.I.C.C. where we succesfully defended our gold-winning performance from last year, winning gold again. In March, we performed at the City Championships at Mount Royal. Also, at the Huskie Open, we won the silver medal in the first annual competition. Overall, we had a great year, with five rookies who did awesome, great supervisors who really cared about our team, and of course our coaches, whose time and effort made our spectacular achievements possible. We have ten team members graduating this year, and as captain Michaen Nykiforuk says, "this year was definitely the best!" REDMEN ROCK THE PARTY THAT ROCKS THE PARTY!!!!!

Girls' Curling Coaches: Mrs. Vetter, Kathy McKibbin

The senior girls' "A" curling team had a very successful season, finishing second in league play and third in the playoffs. They plan to have an excellent year next season with skip Heather Reimer and second Rochelle LaRocque returning. There will be two openings on the team with the graduation of third Candace Rosenberger and lead Brandi Tracksell. The girls' "B" team also had a successful season, with a lot of new faces and great spirit and enthusiasm. They are sure to have an excellent season in 2000-2001.

Boys' Curling Coach: Ms. McGonicle

Boys' curling had a very successful season, with one senior and two junior teams competing. Overall, the team placed third in the city with combined points. All teams participated in the city playoffs, with the senior team advancing to the semi-finals. Graduating players Robert Hydomako, Ryan Bedient, and Calvin Lai will be missed next year. Great season, guys!

Pom Squad Coach: Patricia Cruz

Over 25 girls tried out for pom this season, so it was difficult narrowing our selection to 15 performers! Even though we got off to a late start, the girls performed with positive energy and lots of school spirit. They were coached by Bedford grad Patricia Cruz and supervised by Mrs. Glagoloff. The girls performed at the City Cheerleading Championship and won Silver at the Huskie Open. The team worked extremely hard to complete a successful and rewarding season. Well done girls!

Track and Field Head Coach: Miss Finell

The Redmen wrapped up another successful season that saw over seventy participants compete in the various meets. Three mini-meets offered athletes an opportunity to establish personal performance marks without the strong focus of competition. At the City Track and Field Meet on May 24-25, a large number of athletes achieved 'Personal Best' performances. Several of Bedford's athletes finished in the top eight in their category, scoring points for Bedford's overall team. There were also several who finished in the top three, earning medals for their performances. They were: Krissi Martens, gold midget girls' 800 m; Tamara Looysen, midget girls' pole vault; Susan Howse, junior girls' 3000 m; Marlis Foth, senior girls' discus; Matt Boyle, junior boys' high jump; Ariston Sirota, junior boys' 400 m and 800 m; Moses Bernard, senior boys' hurdles and triple jump; Nathan Morris, senior boys' 100 m and 200 m; Jesse Sirota, senior boys' 1500 m; Chris Wintersgill, gold, senior boys' javelin. Ariston, Moses, Jesse, and Nathan also won gold in the senior boys' 4 x 400 m relay. The latter five athletes (Matt, Moses, Nathan, Jesse, and Chris) were named to the provincial team, representing Saskatoon at Provincials on June 2-3. Each of the five finished in the top eight in their category, with Chris Wintersgill winning bronze in senior boys' javelin, and Nathan Morris winning silver in both senior boys' 100 m and 200 m and winning gold with the 4 x 100 m relay team. Congratulations to all athletes who competed for Bedford during the year!

Wrestling Coaches: Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dalen

Season highlights for the Redmen wrestling team this year included: the Bishop Grandin Tournament in Calgary; the Balfour Tournament in Regina; the Redmen Classic Tournament, which next year will be a two-day tournament featuring elite wrestlers from out of province as well as from Saskatchewan; the top six team Dual Meet, in which the Redmen took part; and Provincials. League wrestling was made up of weekly and bi-weekly Duals. Next year there will be special Rookie events. As you can see, there are many opportunities for high school wrestlers to compete! The girls' team wrestles along side the boys, but this year competed in their own league. The "Bedford Chicks" were the City League Champions! Wrestlers who particularly distinguished themselves this season include: Samantha Booth, Charlene Burnett, Shayla Chilliak, Amy Dyck, Christine Lanctot, Joanne Yanke, Gary Chan, David Larson, Richard McCrea, Chris Meikle, James Shadbolt, Joey Starling, Tim Wiebe, and Provincial Champion Paul Thompson. Redmen wrestling is receiving international level coaching from one of the best in Canada, Coach Bradley. He wrestled at Bedford when the Redmen "ruled" on the Saskatchewan scene. His goal is for Redmen wrestling to return to those "glory days". Thanks to everyone who participated this year!

Georgio's Top Five Specials

By Felicia Chen

Ah, Georgios's. It's unheard of to hear about anyone not knowing who he is. Everyday at school, in a flurry of "sweethearts" and "my boy's" he serves up those infamous specials. For the good of all BRCI students I've sampled most of these specials so I can tell you which ones are the top five palate pleasers.

5. Pasta Rotini and Salad: This special was one of the first lunches I bought at school. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that school bought lunches aren't that hard to stomach and the stereotype of high school food was disgusting quickly left me.

4. Soft Taco and Salad or Nachos: I know, I know....I heard people say that the taco isn't that much to rave about, but I think it's pretty good! And I also love those nachos! At first I was ectastic to know that specials actually came with nachos, (I was pretty obsessed with them for a time, who can blame me?) so this quickly became one of my favorites. Now I've gotten out of my nachos obsession, but still the cravings do strike every once in awhile.

3. Taco Salad: What first drew to this special was the smell. It smelled so incredible! I just had to try it, so I did. It's very satisfying and it fills me up pretty well. It's kinda messy, but who cares? That's just part of the fun!

2. Pizza Bagels and Salad: At first I wasn't sure if I even wanted to get this for lunch, but I caved in and got it. Well, for one thing I wasn't disappointed! This special is also very filling and messy, but nevertheless it's still pretty good. One complaint: change the toppings every once and awhile!

1. Meatballs and Rice with Salad: I'm just asking for trouble when I'm putting this as number one, aren't I? Well, it is my favorite of them all! I like meatballs, rice, and salad. It's and interesting thing to serve at school. Enough said.

So there's my top five list. Please don't come up to me in the halls demanding why I didn't put your favorite special on the list. This is my opinion, and I also have strange ideas on what is good and what's not. (I've actually had cravings for deep fried eggplant.) I also haven't tried ALL the specials. I know, bad me, but I'm only human and have one stomach so I'll get to the others eventually and maybe write another top five one day, but for now this is my top five, like it or lump it.

Questions and Answers

By Mr. Hedlin

I have taught twenty years, approximately thirty-four thousand students, half of them boys and the other half girls. Much of that time has been spent asking and answering questions. The questions I ask are intended to make each student a better person: "Why are you wearing that hat in class (it's Jamie Hanes in an Oilers hat) when you know they're going to lose?" "Why are you late (it's Ross Edmison and Bruce Wiebe) when you know, and you do know it, that every second counts. Every second is like a microwave moment: cook porridge in a frying pan and it's going to take fifteen to twenty minutes and it's going to boil over onto the heating element, but put it in a microwave and in three minutes flat you've got something too hot to touch. You (Bruce and Ross) are not just late, you are hungry." The questions students ask me are more complicated. Such as: "Were you a hippy?"

I answer, "Have you seen a hippy?"

"No."

"You know why?"

"No."

"Because they're all dead. Am I dead?"

"No."

"What does that tell you then?"

"We have to keep coming to class?"

"Yes, until further notice." Or this: "Why did you become a teacher?" The answer is long and painful but I'll repeat it, hopefully for the last time. It was a Wednesday evening when I was a young man sitting with my family at the supper table. Rain was splashing on the windowsill, soaking my paisley shirt. The dog was under the table eating fried liver. I said, "I have something to say."

My sister said, "Mint." (A hip term that meant "like a fresh penny.")

"I am going away to teacher's college."

My mother said, "I knew it," and drove a fork into her thigh. "The men of this family are all the same. Your father was wounded in 'Nam, and your grandfather lied about his age so that he could go defend Paris from Commie invasion. It was 1925. He died and for what? You, my son, are a Commie."

I stood. "My mind is made. My bag is packed."

My mother said, "Your mind is an unmade bed." I moved to the door.

"No, wait," she cried. She was on her knees, her hands were raised, her face was shining. "You are my son. Ever since you were a child there was so much hope. You played with atoms as a child. You collected dead animals from the roadside. You wrote an entire rock opera with a single note. Just one note. Don't throw all that promise away." She approached, still on her knees. I turned, shouldered my backpack and left. Through the rain I could hear her wail, "You could have invented the Bomb."

A glass container of liquid deodorant fell from my pack and burst on the sidewalk. A street sweeper was standing by his horse. He said, "Follow your dreams young man. I'll clean up."

After telling my story to one student, she asked me, "So, did you become a teacher because you're a Communist and you want to teach revolution to the children?"

"No," I answered.

"Then why?"

"'Cause," I answered, "teachers get great holidays."

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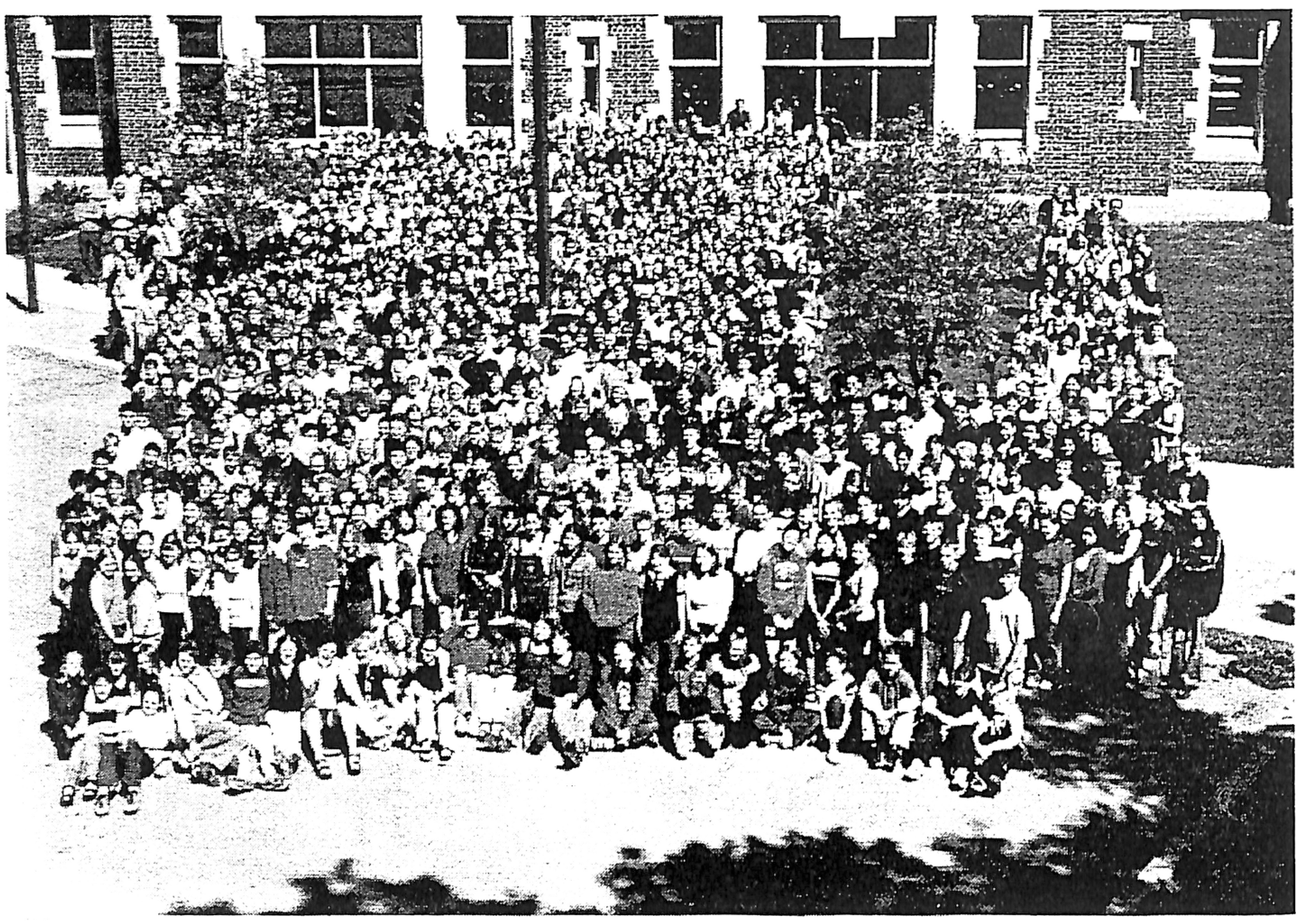

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